



Nashua Metropolitan Planning Organization

NRPC Regional Plan Transportation Subcommittee Meeting

**NRPC Conference Room
May 20, 2013 ~ 6:00PM**

Meeting Summary

Meeting Attendees: Dan Kelly; Tom Young; Tom Koenig; Bob Larmouth; Janet Langdell; Tim Roache; and Camille Pattison.

1. Understanding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - Staff explained the connection between the Regional Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
 - Staff reviewed the purpose of the MTP and various planning elements that need to go into the plan.
 - Staff concluded by reiterating that we intend to use the MTP as the transportation chapter of the Regional Plan.

2. Transportation Workshop Summary: Recap of What We Heard
 - a. Vision, Goals, Objectives
 - Staff reviewed the vision, goals and objectives and sought the committee's concurrence. There was some discussion about the goals. One suggestion was to clarify the wording related to economic vitality under the quality of life goal, or perhaps break it out into a stand alone goal. We agreed to clarify the wording.

 - b. Strengths, Needs and Opportunities
 - Next staff summarized the workshop and reviewed the What We Heard document. The final portion of the discussion was to tie the old projects to the new goals and objectives. We agreed we would develop a projects/objectives matrix. The committee will complete the matrix to the extent possible and we will have a working meeting to discuss it in June.
 - The goal is to determine if the projects will lead us toward the vision we have adopted and to determine if specific objectives have projects or strategies to meet those objectives.
 - Taking it a step further we will identify additional projects or strategies to fill in any gaps.

3. Environmental Justice/Equity Discussion

- Staff explained what environment justice is and presented definitions from a number of different Federal and local agencies.
- Staff discussed the neighborhood discussions that will be occurring this summer and presented a list of potential groups to meet with. The committee suggested contacting the following groups: the Front Door; Anne-Marie House; Share Outreach in Milford – Chris Johnson; United Way Community Assessment – meet the 2nd Monday at 8:00 am; Nashua and Merrimack YMCA; Greater Milford Outreach; Continuum of Care; Home Health and Hospice Care; Gateways; Plus Company; Transit Matters; Opportunity Matters; Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels; Boys and Girls Club in both Milford and Nashua (Norm Boothelay).
- Staff presented the draft transportation questions for the neighborhood discussions:
 - How do you get around your neighborhood/community? Drive, walk, bike, bus?
 - Is it safe to walk/bike in your community?
 - Do you know people who do not drive? How do they get around?
 - Does transportation have an impact on your job – time, cost, ease?
- The committee suggested these additional questions as well:
 - Without access to a vehicle would you use alternative forms of transportation if available?
 - If you do not have access to a vehicle in the future, how do you plan to get around?
 - Has a lack of mobility caused you to miss health appointments?
 - Has a lack of mobility limited your access to employment?
- The committee also suggested adding demographic questions at the beginning of any surveys. In addition, the committee would like discussion to occur with kids/students in Nashua and the region on their mobility needs.

4. Next Steps

- Staff will send out the projects/objectives matrix for committee members to complete for discussion at the next meeting.
- Staff will present the final draft of the discussion questions and targeted groups at the next meeting.
- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24 at 6:00 pm in the NRPC Conference Room.